

4623. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer; Executive Office for Immigration Review; Rules of Practice and Procedure for Administrative Hearings Before Administrative Law Judges in Cases Involving Allegations of Unlawful Employment of Aliens, Unfair Employment Practices, and Document Fraud [EOIR No. 116F; A.G. ORDER No. 2255-99] (RIN: 1125-AA17) received September 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4624. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—NASA Structured Approach for Profit or Fee Objective—received September 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

4625. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Advance Payments and Lump-Sum Payments of Educational Assistance; Miscellaneous Nonsubstantive Changes (RIN: 2900-A131) received September 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4626. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, First-out Inventories [Rev. Rul. 99-42] received September 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4627. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 99-49] received September 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### ¶106.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1606. An Act to extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.

#### ¶106.5 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER

AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2084

Mr. REYNOLDS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 318):

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2084) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. REYNOLDS, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

#### ¶106.6 TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. WOLF, pursuant to House Resolution 318, called up the following conference report (Rept. No. 106-355):

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2084) "making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

*That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, namely:*

##### TITLE I

##### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

##### IMMEDIATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

*For necessary expenses of the Immediate Office of the Secretary, \$1,867,000.*

##### IMMEDIATE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

*For necessary expenses of the Immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary, \$600,000.*

##### OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the General Counsel, \$9,000,000.*

##### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, \$2,824,000.*

##### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AVIATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, \$7,650,000: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, there may be credited to this appropriation up to \$1,250,000 in funds received in user fees.*

##### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR BUDGET AND PROGRAMS

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, \$6,870,000, including not to exceed \$45,000 for allocation within the Department for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine.*

##### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, \$2,039,000.*

##### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, \$17,767,000.*

##### OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

*For necessary expenses of the Office of Public Affairs, \$1,800,000.*

##### EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

*For necessary expenses of the Executive Secretariat, \$1,102,000.*

##### BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

*For necessary expenses of the Board of Contract Appeals, \$520,000.*

##### OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION

*For necessary expenses of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, \$1,222,000.*

##### OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

*For necessary expenses of the Office of Intelligence and Security, \$1,454,000.*

##### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Information Officer, \$5,075,000.*

##### OFFICE OF INTERMODALISM

*For necessary expenses of the Office of Intermodalism, \$1,062,000.*

##### OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

*For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, \$7,200,000.*

##### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

*For necessary expenses for conducting transportation planning, research, systems development, development activities, and making grants, to remain available until expended, \$3,300,000.*

##### TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

*Necessary expenses for operating costs and capital outlays of the Transportation Administrative Service Center, not to exceed \$148,673,000, shall be paid from appropriations made available to the Department of Transportation: Provided, That the preceding limitation shall not apply to activities associated with departmental Year 2000 conversion activities: Provided further, That such services shall be provided on a competitive basis to entities within the Department of Transportation: Provided further, That the above limitation on operating expenses shall not apply to non-DOT entities: Provided further, That no funds appropriated in this Act to an agency of the Department shall be transferred to the Transportation Administrative Service Center without the approval of the agency modal administrator: Provided further, That no assessments may be levied against any program, budget activity, subactivity or project funded by this Act unless notice of such assessments and the basis therefor are presented to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and are approved by such Committees.*

##### MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM

*For the cost of direct loans, \$1,500,000, as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 332: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$13,775,000. In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program, \$400,000.*

##### MINORITY BUSINESS OUTREACH

*For necessary expenses of Minority Business Resource Center outreach activities, \$2,900,000, of which \$2,635,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2001: Provided, That notwithstanding 49 U.S.C. 332, these funds may be used for business opportunities related to any mode of transportation.*

##### COAST GUARD

##### OPERATING EXPENSES

*For necessary expenses for the operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard, not otherwise provided for; purchase of not to exceed five passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), and section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 429(b)); and recreation and welfare; \$2,781,000,000, of which \$300,000,000 shall be available for defense-related activities; and of which \$25,000,000 shall be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated in this or any other Act shall be available for pay for administrative expenses in connection with shipping commissioners in the United States: Provided further, That none of the funds provided in this Act*